

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>MCLAUGHLIN MARK D</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) 487 EAST MIDDLEFIELD ROAD (Street) MOUNTAIN CA 94043 VIEW (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>VERISIGN INC/CA [VRSN]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) Senior Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	04/15/2001 ⁽¹⁾	04/15/2007	Common Stock 3,066	97.7969	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	05/24/2003 ⁽²⁾	05/24/2009	Common Stock 18,750	10.08	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	09/26/2004 ⁽³⁾	09/26/2010	Common Stock 49,500	12.88	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/15/2002 ⁽⁴⁾	03/15/2008	Common Stock 6,250	13.79	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	09/06/2002 ⁽⁵⁾	09/06/2008	Common Stock 25,000	13.79	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	02/21/2003 ⁽⁶⁾	02/21/2009	Common Stock 50,000	13.79	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	08/31/2005 ⁽⁷⁾	08/31/2011	Common Stock 72,000	17.36	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	04/15/2001 ⁽¹⁾	04/15/2007	Common Stock 21,934	97.7969	D	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	08/01/2001 ⁽¹⁾	08/01/2007	Common Stock 50,000	151.25	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Immediately
- 25% of the options vested and became exercisable on 05/24/03, and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter from the date of grant.
- 25% of the options vested and became exercisable on 09/26/04, and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter from the date of grant.
- This is an option regrant under the VeriSign Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock dated November 27, 2002. Twenty-five (25%) percent of the total option vested and became exercisable on March 15, 2002 and vests thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the option each quarter until fully vested.
- This is an option regrant under the VeriSign Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock dated November 27, 2002. Twenty-five (25%) percent of the total option vested and became exercisable on September 6, 2002 and vests thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the option each quarter until fully vested.
- This is an option regrant under the VeriSign Offer to Exchange Outstanding Options to Purchase Common Stock dated November 27, 2002. Twenty-five (25%) percent of the total option vested and became exercisable on February 21, 2003 and vests thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the option each quarter until fully vested.
- Twenty-five percent (25%) of the total options granted vest and become exercisable one year after the date of grant and thereafter with respect to 6.25% of the shares each quarter until fully vested.

By: Donald T Rozak Jr, as attorney-in-fact For: Mark D. McLaughlin 12/20/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints each of James M. Ulam and/or Donald T. Rozak, Jr., and the persons holding the positions of General Counsel, Deputy General Counsel, Associate General Counsel, Secretary or Assistant Secretary of VeriSign, Inc. (the "Company") from time to time, acting singly, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

(1) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of the Company, Forms 3, 4 and 5, and any successor forms thereto, (each, a "Form" and collectively, the "Forms") and any amendment or amendments to any such Form, in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such Form with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or market or similar authority; and

(3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Power of Attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or the rules thereunder.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities (including derivative securities) issued by the Company and security-based swap agreements involving such securities, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 17th day of December 2004.

/s/ Mark D. McLaughlin
Signature

Mark D. McLaughlin
Printed Name